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DATE: August 26, 2003  
TO: High School Social Studies Departments and Government Teachers  
FROM: Margaret K. Luca   
Electoral Board Secretary

SUBJECT: Election Participation Program for High School Students

The Virginia General Assembly enacted legislation enabling local electoral boards, with the cooperation of school authorities, to establish a program for high school students to participate in the election process. The purpose of this educational program is to increase student interest in voting, to foster an awareness of the elderly and disabled community, and to assist the Officers of Election on Election Day, all of which are indirect applications of SOL GOVT.6, 8, 17 and 18.

This is the fourth year the Fairfax County Electoral Board, in partnership with Fairfax County Public Schools and the Fairfax County Disability Services Board, is inviting all high school government students to participate in the election process for the November general election at our 224 polling places. In August 2002, this Fairfax County Electoral Board Student Participation Program was recognized as the "Best" of the Professional Practice ideas submitted to *The Election Center*. In addition to successfully stimulating the students' awareness of voting and disability issues, it provides much needed support to the busy election officers in the precincts. Last year 145 students from thirteen county high schools gave over 1750 hours to this program. (See statistics on back)

Students may serve as either Election Pages or Election Officers (if eligible). Both of these are non-partisan positions. The accompanying packet contains information about this program, the instructions and applications for both of these positions, as well as a list of the polling places in the county. The individual schools/teachers will determine what, if any, participation credits or volunteer hours can be awarded to the participating students. The Electoral Board will provide the schools with a list of the students and hours served following the election.

Other students may prefer the opportunities of working for particular candidates or political parties. We are enclosing campaign contact information for this year's candidates. You may copy and distribute this information to your students as you see fit.

We request that each participating high school select one teacher to serve as Coordinator and point of contact for their school. Please e-mail us at [elect@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:elect@fairfaxcounty.gov) to indicate that your school will participate in this election program. If you still have questions, please refer to the Electoral Board website: "Teachers and Students" [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb) or e-mail us at the above address.

**Please note that our office cannot handle large volumes of phone calls from students or parents.**

## **Summary: FCEB High School Participation Program November 5, 2002**

**13 High Schools provided 145 students to work on Election Day**

**(Woodson-4, West Springfield-1, Stuart-4, South Lakes-5, Robinson-1, Oakton-13, James Madison-47, Lee-5, Lake Braddock-1, Herndon-4, Hayfield-54, Falls Church-1, Bishop Ireton-5)**

- 115 served as volunteer Election Pages in 63 precincts
- 28 served as paid Election Officers (25 in neighborhood precincts;  
3 in Central Absentee Precinct)
- 1 served as a paid Assistant Chief Election Officer
- 1 served as a volunteer in the Electoral Board Office
- They provided 1368 hours of work time and accumulated 393.5 hours in training time.
- They served shifts that ranged from 3.5 to 16 hours.
- As a special one-time task, they provided detailed demonstrations to the voters of the new touch screen voting machines being tested in six precincts.
- Some were fluent in a second language: Amharic-1, American Sign Language-1, Chinese-2, French-1, Korean-3, Laotian-1, Lithuanian-1, Punjabi-1, Spanish-10, Thai-1 Urdu-1, Vietnamese-3.

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**Participation Programs for High School Students**  
**Information for Teachers**

**Election Day – November 4, 2003**

The enclosed information was compiled by the Fairfax County Electoral Board to introduce you to programs that are available for high school government students and to provide you with information about voting in Fairfax County. We hope you will find it useful in your classes. Please copy and distribute any of the information as appropriate.

**Packet Contents:**

***Cover Letter from Fairfax County Electoral Board Secretary  
with Statistical Summary of 2002 Program***

***Election Day Participation Program for High School Students***

- Instructions for High School Social Studies Departments
- Calendar and Contact Information
- General Information for Participants
- Information for Election Pages
- Election Page Application
- Information for Election Officers
- Election Officer Application
- Training Class Schedule for Election Pages and Election Officers

***Voting in Fairfax County***

- Fairfax County Voter Information for November, 2003
- November 4, 2003 General and Special Elections:  
Candidate Lists and Ballot Issue
- Directory of Fairfax County Precincts and Election Districts

***For Teachers***

- Schedule for Fairfax County Elections, 2003-2011
- Cool Web Sites!...resources for voting, government, candidates, issues
- CD: Video of H.S. Participation Program 2002

***Informational Brochures and Forms***

- Election Day Participation for High School Students:  
Election Page and Officer of Election
- Virginia Voter Registration Application Form
- Absentee Voting Application Form
- League of Women Voters: 2003 Facts for Voters
- The Virginia General Assembly: pocket glossary of terms
- A Capitol Script: Background on the Virginia State Government,  
grades 9-12
- Principles and Standards of Conduct for Election/Registration Officials

## **Instructions for High School Social Studies Departments**

The Electoral Board encourages interested high school government students throughout Fairfax County to participate in this November's General Election. They may serve as an Election Officer, if qualified, or as an Election Page in one of the county's 224 polling places.

### ***Each School will ...***

- **Select** one teacher or advisor to serve as Coordinator/Point-of-Contact for the program in your school. The Electoral Board is not equipped to handle a large volume of calls from individual students or parents.
- **Send** the Coordinator's name, teaching position, school, telephone number and e-mail address to the Fairfax County Electoral Board by **September 16<sup>th</sup>** via fax, 703-324-4706; phone, 703-324-4735; or e-mail, [elect@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:elect@fairfaxcounty.gov).

### ***Within the school - the coordinators and/or teachers will ...***

- **Publicize** *General Information* regarding the Election Day Participation Program for High School Students in the government classes as soon as possible. Details on the qualifications and requirements for each position are contained on the accompanying information sheets. Also, please note the deadlines on the accompanying calendar.
- **Copy and distribute** Election Page and Election Officer application packets to interested students **by mid-September**. (You may copy as many as you need.)
- **Recommendations** should be given only to those students who, in the opinion of the teachers, are dedicated to this program and are willing to work. We are relying on your best judgement to help us fill the great need we will have this year for Election Pages. Each participating school is requested to submit applications for **seven Pages and three alternates**. It is conceivable that additional slots may be available, so we encourage you to keep a record of all students who may be interested for follow-up. *[Note: If there is a larger number of applicants from one school, they may have to be sent further from home in order to serve.]* There is no limit on student Election Officers.
- **Collect** all student Page and Election Officer Applications and **screen** for completeness. You should set your own deadline for this.
- **Submit** student applications as soon as possible, but **no later than October 6<sup>th</sup>**, by fax or mail to Judy Flaig at the Fairfax County Electoral Board. (Fax: 703-324-4706;  
Mail: 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 323, Fairfax, VA 22035-0081)

### ***The Electoral Board will ...***

- **Send** letters notifying all students selected to serve as an Election Page or an Election Officer. Election Page letters will confirm the schedule for their required training class. Polling place assignments will be distributed at the end of the training class. Election Officers will receive an appointment letter and a polling place assignment as soon as their application is certified. A list of all selected students will be sent back to each high school Coordinator.
- Provide the required **training classes** for all student participants.
- Provide a **follow-up** questionnaire for the students to evaluate their training and experiences on Election Day.

### ***The Board of Supervisors will ...***

- **Recognize** and present certificates to the student Pages and Election Officers at their meeting in December. Parents and school coordinators will also be invited to attend.

## **Calendar and Contact Information**

- Aug. 28 Teachers receive Election Participation Information at In-Service meeting
- Sept. 16 Schools submit their Coordinator's name and information to the Electoral Board
- Sept. (ASAP) • Coordinators / Teachers distribute information and publicize program
- Students submit completed applications to be screened by teachers / coordinators  
[Schools set exact date]
- Oct. 6 • Coordinators submit applications of 7 students and 3 alternates for Election Pages.  
It is conceivable that additional slots may be available, so we encourage you to keep a record of all students who may be interested for follow-up.  
*[Note: If there is a larger number of applicants from one school, they may well be sent further from home in order to serve.]*
- Coordinators submit applications of students who wish to serve as Election Officers  
[After receipt of the Election Officer application, the Electoral Board will certify the applicant and send out a Letter of Appointment, and a separate letter with an Election Day assignment.]
- Oct. 16 Electoral Board mails letters to Election Pages confirming training class assignment
- Oct. 15-23 Training classes for Election Officers at various times and locations
- Oct. 25 Training Classes for Election Pages at the Government Center  
[Election Day assignments for Election Pages will be distributed at the completion of training.]
- Nov. 4 ELECTION DAY
- Nov. 20 Electoral Board provides list of student participants and service hours to Coordinators
- late Nov. Electoral Board mails invitations to students and parents for Board of Supervisors recognition
- early Dec. Board of Supervisors Recognition for Election Pages and Election Officers

**Office of the Electoral Board and General Registrar**  
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Election Information: (703) 324-4735  
Voter Registration Information: (703) 222-0776  
24-Hour Recorded Information: (703) 324-4700

Election Page / Election Officer Information: (703) 324-4735

Fax: (703) 324-4706  
E-mail: [elect@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:elect@fairfaxcounty.gov)  
Web Site: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb>



## **General Information for High School Participants**

### **All students. . .**

- Must meet the stated qualifications for the position.
- Must complete the appropriate training class as provided by the Electoral Board.
- Will serve in a polling place as assigned by the Electoral Board under the direct supervision of the Chief Election Officer in the designated precinct.
- Must arrive on time and may not leave the polling place during their shift.
- Must be strictly impartial at all times, not discussing politics, candidates or issues.
- Are expected to dress appropriately – no jeans, shorts, sweats, t-shirts, etc.
- Are expected to use appropriate language and behavior at all times.
- Are expected to work – not visit with friends and neighbors.
- May not use cell phones, pagers or other electronic devices in the polling place.

### **Assignments**

Each student will receive a formal letter confirming his/her Election Day assignment.

All students will be assigned to polling places close to their home precinct or schools whenever possible.

Student *Election Pages* will be assigned to polling places to assist the Election Officers on Election Day and will serve a 5 a.m. to 1 p.m. or a 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. shift.

Student *Election Officers* will be used to supplement existing Election Officers as needed throughout the County, serving all day from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### **Training for Student Election Pages**

Attendance at training class is **mandatory** for all participants. Two Election Page training classes will be held Saturday, October 25, 2003, at 9 a.m. and at 1 p.m., at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. The class will last about 3 hours. (Indicate a preferred session on the application.) Part of the training will cover elections and election procedures; another part will be a workshop simulating disabilities and explaining how to assist persons with disabilities. A map to the Government Center will be included with the assignment letter.

### **Training for Election Officers**

All Election Officers are required by state law to attend one training class prior to working an election; student Election Officers must also attend such a session. These classes are held in October at various locations (schedule enclosed). Each session lasts about 2½ hours, focusing on polling place procedures and voting machine operation. Pre-registration is not necessary for Election Officer training sessions; officers attend the class that best suits their schedule.

Student Election Officers are also welcome to attend the Election Page training session described above. Pre-registration is required for this. Please attach a request to the Election Officer application when submitted.

### **Transportation and Meals**

Participating students must make arrangements for their own transportation to and from training classes, and polling places on Election Day. Student Election Pages and Election Officers are responsible for their own bag-lunch and snacks on Election Day; talk to the Chief about it.

### **Recognition**

In recognition of the student participants' service, each will be presented with a "Certificate of Appreciation" at a Board of Supervisors meeting following the election. School coordinators will be provided with a list of participants and number of hours worked so that the teachers may give classroom or service credit as predetermined by the school. The Electoral Board will also prepare press releases for the local newspapers and media to publicize the students' participation.

**Note:** Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, working toward their Eagle and Gold awards, may also be able to fulfill some of their merit badge or community service requirements by participating in this program.

## **Information for Election Pages**

**Students enrolled in a high school level US/VA Government class may volunteer to serve as Election Pages in one of Fairfax County's 224 polling places on November 4, 2003.**

**To participate, a student is required to complete the provided application, which includes a signed agreement by the student, a signed approval from a parent, and a signed recommendation from the student's government teacher or counselor.**

**Participants must also provide their own transportation to the mandatory training class, and to the precinct on election day.**

### **Election Pages . . .**

- **Must be United States citizens and fluent in English. (*Mandatory*)**
- **Do not represent a political party, nor do they receive compensation for serving.**
- **Must complete and return the Election Page application, *with all required signatures*, to the program coordinator at your school by \_\_\_\_\_, 2003.**
- **Are required to attend one 3-hour training class on October 25, 2003: A.M. session runs from 9 a.m.- noon; P.M. session from 1-4 p.m. The class will include a disability awareness workshop, as well as election instruction. Election Day assignments will be distributed at the conclusion of training.**
- **Are required to subscribe to the Election Page Oath administered following the training class and again on Election Day.**
- **Are required to work in the precinct to which they are assigned for the full duration of their shift, from 5:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and/or from 1:00 p.m. to closing of the polling place, between 8:00 and 9:00 p.m. [The Chief in the precinct counts on help from the pages when assigned.] Pages may *not* leave the polling location during this time.**
- **Serve under the direct supervision of the Chief Election Officer of the precinct.**
- **Will assist Election Officers with various tasks, including setting up the polling place, directing voters, assisting elderly and disabled voters, and distributing information. Pages may observe, but may *not* handle ballots, check names, operate voting machines or tally results.**
- **Must be strictly impartial at all times. Pages may not discuss candidates, parties, issues or political topics while in the polling place.**

### **Code of Virginia, Election Laws, § 24.2-604**

H. A local electoral board, and its general registrar, may conduct a special election day program for high school students, selected by the electoral board in cooperation with high school authorities, in one or more polling places designated by the electoral board, other than a central absentee voter precinct. The program shall be designed to stimulate the students' interest in elections and registering to vote, provide assistance to the officers of election, and ensure the safe entry and exit of elderly and disabled voters from the polling place. Each student shall take and sign an oath as an election page, serve under the direct supervision of the chief officer of election of his assigned polling place, and observe strict impartiality at all times. Election pages may observe the electoral process and seek information from the chief officer of election, but shall not handle or touch ballots, voting machines, or any other official election materials, or enter any voting booth.

## Election Page Application

Please print legibly

Full Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a citizen of the United States of America? \_\_\_\_\_ YES [Mandatory] \_\_\_\_\_ NO

Home precinct (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Government Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Beside English, I am fluent in \_\_\_\_\_

Election Training [ ] A.M. [ ] P.M. [ ] Either

[Indicate session preference]

Election Day [ ] 5:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. [ ] All Day

[Indicate shift preference]

[ ] 1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. [ ] Either time

### Student Agreement

I understand that I am required to attend the training class on October 25, 2003, prior to serving as an Election Page, and that I may not leave the polling place during my shift on Election Day.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### Parental/Guardian Approval

My son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ may participate

Student Name

in the Election Page program on November 4, 2003.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### Government Teacher/Counselor Recommendation

I recommend \_\_\_\_\_ for participation

Student Name

in the Election Page program.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Teacher \_\_\_\_\_



## **Information for Election Officers**

**Any student who will be 18 years old on, or before, November 4, 2003, and has registered to vote by October 6, 2003, is eligible to serve as an Election Officer in one of Fairfax County's 224 polling places.**

**To participate, a student will need to complete the appropriate application, which includes a signed commitment from the student and a signed recommendation from the government teacher or counselor. Each participant is required by state law to attend an Election Officer training class conducted by the Electoral Board.**

### **Election Officers . . .**

- Must be registered voters in Virginia before applying to serve as an Election Officer.
- Choose to represent either the Democratic or Republican Party.
- Are paid \$100 for their service on Election Day.
- Are required to attend a training class prior to serving (class schedule enclosed.)
- Are required to subscribe to the Constitutional Oath prior to Election Day. Notaries are available at the training classes for this purpose.
- Are required to subscribe to the Election Officer Oath administered by the Chief Election Officer before the polls open on election morning.
- Are required to work the entire day from 5:00 a.m. through closing of the polling place (about 9:00 p.m.) They may not leave the polling place during the day.
- Serve under the direct supervision of the Chief Election Officer of the assigned precinct.
- Are responsible for the conduct of the election, including checking names and identification, operating voting machines and ascertaining results as directed by the Chief Election Officer.
- Must be strictly impartial at all times; may not discuss candidates, parties, issues or political topics while in the polling place.
- Will be assigned to a polling place as close to home as possible. Election Officers who are not serving in their "home precinct" may vote by absentee ballot prior to Election Day. An Absentee Voting Application will be included with the assignment letter if needed.

Please note that a student's parent(s) may also wish to serve as an Election Officer. They must also complete the proper application, subscribe to the Constitutional and Election Officer Oaths, and attend training if they have not already done so. We will assign students and parent(s) to the same precinct, if possible, upon their request.

Commonwealth of Virginia – County of Fairfax  
**Student Election Officer Application**  
(Registered Voters Only)

Please print

Full (Legal) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Precinct (from Virginia Voter Identification Card ) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Government Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Agreement**

I would like to represent\* the ☐ Democratic Party ☐ Republican Party

\*Virginia Election Law requires equal representation of the two major political parties in each polling place. Election Officers are assigned accordingly. (Section 24.2-115)

☐ I understand that I must attend a training class prior to serving as an Election Officer.

☐ I understand that I am obligated to serve from 5:00 a.m. to closing (approximately 9:00 p.m.) on Election Day, and that I may not leave the polling place during the day.

☐ I am willing to work in either my home precinct or a nearby precinct.

☐ I do not hold elected office, paid or unpaid, under the government of the United States, Virginia, or any Virginia County, City or Town, and am not the deputy or employee of an elected official.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student Applicant

**Teacher Recommendation:**

I recommend \_\_\_\_\_ for the position of Election Officer.  
Student Name

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Teacher or Counselor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Teacher or Counselor

## **ELECTION PAGE TRAINING CLASSES**

Oct. 25	9:00 AM and 1:00 PM	FAIRFAX COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER 12000 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax
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Classes begin promptly and lasts approximately 3 hours.  
Check-in starts 30 minutes before each class.

Pre-registration required: Be certain to indicate your preference on your application form. You will be notified of the class time you need to attend.

## **NEW ELECTION OFFICER TRAINING CLASSES**

Oct. 15	7:30 PM	LANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 7137 Beulah Street, Kingstowne
Oct. 16	10:00 AM	KINGS PARK LIBRARY 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke
Oct. 16	7:30 PM	MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL 7731 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church
Oct. 20	7:30 PM	HERNDON MIDDLE SCHOOL 901 Locust Street, Herndon
Oct. 21	2:00 PM	SOUTH COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL CENTER 8350 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria
Oct. 22	1:30 PM	FAIRFAX COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER 12000 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax
Oct. 23	7:30 PM	FAIRFAX COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER 12000 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax

It is not necessary to pre-register for the New Election Officer Training classes.

Just attend at the time and location that best fits your schedule.

(Please reconfirm dates and times on the Electoral Board website.)

Be certain to sign in at the session, so your training can be verified.

Please note that all classes begin promptly.

## FAIRFAX COUNTY VOTER INFORMATION

### November 2003

Every eligible resident of Fairfax County who wants to vote must be registered to vote in the county before the deadline for that election. When registered, each voter is assigned to a polling place based on his home address. This is the ONLY location at which this voter can vote for a general or special election, and for most party primaries. This precinct information is detailed, along with a listing of the voter's Congressional district, state Senate and House of Delegate districts, and local magisterial district, on the Voter Information Card each registered voter receives once their registration is verified. It is important to take good care of the Voter Information Card as it contains important information and should be used as the required ID on Election Day at the polling place.

Every time you move you must notify the General Registrar of your new address, or re-register, by the required date in order to maintain your eligibility to vote. College students can maintain their voting eligibility at their parents' home while they are in school. However, this means that they will have to vote at their home precinct in Fairfax County or by absentee ballot. Name changes must also be reported in a timely manner.

The deadline for registering to vote or making address changes for the November 4, 2003, election is Monday, October 6, 2003 (29 days in advance). Registration forms can be found at county libraries, county government offices, and on line at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb). Registration can also be accomplished with driver's license applications, but the Electoral Board has found that this is not the safest way...information is sometimes not completed or processed as well as it needs to be.

Before every election, Absentee Balloting is available to Fairfax County registered voters who expect be out of the county on Election Day. Applications can be found at the libraries, government offices and on line (address above) as well, and can be mailed in, even several months in advance of an election. Absentee voting can be done by mail or in person. There are several locations, with special times, in the county where one can vote absentee in person. Complete directions for the process are delineated on the Fairfax County Electoral Board web site listed above. Absentee balloting for the November 4 election begins on September 22, and closes at 5 p.m. on Saturday, November 1, 2003.

Samples of a Virginia Voter Registration Application form and a Fairfax County Absentee Ballot Application form are included in this packet. In addition to the Fairfax County web site listed above, they can also be accessed at the Virginia State Board of Election web site ([www.sbe.state.va.us](http://www.sbe.state.va.us)).

## 2003 Election Calendar

November 4, 2003	<b>General Election</b> To elect members of the Senate of Virginia, the Virginia House of Delegates, Commonwealth's Attorney, Sheriff, Board of Supervisors, School Board, and Soil and Water Commission.
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## 2003 - 2011 ELECTION SCHEDULE BY OFFICE

	OFFICE	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
<b>Federal Offices (U.S.)</b>	President/Vice President		X				X			
	Senate						X			
	Senate				X					
	House of Representatives		X		X		X		X	
<b>State-Wide Offices</b>	Governor			X				X		
	Lt. Governor			X				X		
	Attorney General			X				X		
<b>General Assembly</b>	State Senate	X				X				X
	House of Delegates	X		X		X		X		X
<b>Local Offices</b>	Board of Supervisors	X				X				X
	School Board	X				X				X
	Commonwealth's Attorney	X				X				X
	Sheriff	X				X				X
	Clerk of the Court					X				
	Soil and Water Commission	X				X				X
<b>Town Offices</b>	Clifton-Mayor, 5 Council		X		X		X		X	
	Herndon-Mayor, 6 Council		X		X		X		X	
	Vienna-Mayor, 3 Council		X		X		X		X	
	Vienna-3 Council	X		X		X		X		X

- Virginia has a General Election every year on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November.
- Federal offices are elected in even-numbered years; State and Local offices are elected in odd-numbered years.
- Clifton and Herndon Mayor and Town Council are elected in even-number years on the first Tuesday in May.
- Vienna Mayor and 3 Town Council members are elected in even-numbered years on the first Tuesday in May; 3 Vienna Town Council members are elected in odd-numbered years on the first Tuesday in May.
- If primaries are called by the political parties, they are usually held on the second Tuesday in June.



## **COOL WEB SITES!**

Students and teachers who are interested in learning more about voting, government (federal, state, local), elected officials and candidates may want to visit some of the following web sites. The addresses listed below are for information only, and do not imply an endorsement for any candidate, organization or issue.

**<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov>**

Fairfax County Home Page . . . government; community and volunteering; Citizen Handbook

**<http://www.myvirginia.org>**

Commonwealth of Virginia Home Page . . . information on the state with link to the Office of the Governor

**<http://legis.state.va.us>**

Virginia General Assembly . . . teaching tools and freebies (gr. 1-12); online student internship (gr. 10-12)

**<http://legis.state.va.us/CapitalClassroom>**

**<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb>**

Fairfax County Electoral Board . . . who, how, where to vote in the county; running for state/local offices

**<http://www.sbe.state.va.us>**

Virginia State Board of Elections . . . 2003 elections; past results; "How To's"; election laws

**<http://www.fec.gov>**

The Federal Election Commission

**<http://www.fvap.gov>**

The Federal Voting Assistance Program

**<http://www.democrats.org>**

Democratic National Committee

**<http://www.rnc.org>**

Republican National Committee

**<http://www.vademocrats.org>**

The Democratic Party of Virginia

**<http://www.rpv.org>**

The Republican Party of Virginia

**<http://www.fairfaxdemocrats.org>**

The Fairfax County Democratic Committee

**<http://www.fairfaxyoungdems.org>**

Fairfax County Young Democrats

**<http://fairfaxco-gop.org>**

The Fairfax County Republican Committee

**<http://www.fairfaxyrs.org>**

Fairfax Area Young Republicans

<a href="http://www.lwv.org">http://www.lwv.org</a>	League of Women Voters
<a href="http://www.lwv-fairfax.org">http://www.lwv-fairfax.org</a>	League of Women Voters of Fairfax Area
<a href="http://www.election.com">http://www.election.com</a>	Election.com – information about internet voting
<a href="http://www.youthevote.net">http://www.youthevote.net</a>	Youth e-vote - Online voting for schools
<a href="http://www.Freedomsanswer.net">http://www.Freedomsanswer.net</a>	Student-led voter turnout campaign
<a href="http://www.GetVoting41.us/elecnet">http://www.GetVoting41.us/elecnet</a>	ELECnet – Fed/State/Local election site links
<a href="http://politics1.com">http://politics1.com</a>	Guide to American politics and issues
<a href="http://vote-smart.org">http://vote-smart.org</a>	National candidates on the issues
<a href="http://globalcomputing.com">http://globalcomputing.com</a>	Links to federal agencies and departments as well as state sited
<a href="http://www.naco.org">http://www.naco.org</a>	Data about counties and county governments
<a href="http://www.mwcog.org">http://www.mwcog.org</a>	Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (local issues)

### **Other sources:**

For candidates...personal websites

For local issues...local newspapers, TV and radio station websites

For political viewpoints...check information through think tanks (i.e. Cato Institute, Heritage Foundation, Electronic Policy Network, public policy organizations), associations connected to a topic (i.e. NRA, AMA, NEA...and their local groups)